

Remarks

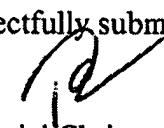
This Response assumes entry of the Response dated March 12, 2008 into the official file. The Applicants submit this Response together with an RCE to expedite further consideration and allowance.

The Applicants have amended Claims 5 and 7 to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 9. Claim 9 has accordingly been cancelled. Entry into the official file and consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Applicants respectfully submit that while there is no agreement with the comments set forth in the Advisory Action with respect to the difference between "dyes" and "pigments," those two terms being different as known to those skilled in the art, the Applicants respectfully submit that the point is moot in view of the pigments named in Claims 5 and 7. Gandhi does not disclose such pigments. Therefore, Gandhi is inapplicable under §102. Inasmuch as Gandhi does not disclose any type of pigments, it is non-enabling with respect to a hypothetical application under §103. Withdrawal of the rejections based on Gandhi alone is respectfully requested. Further hypothetically combining Pedain with Gandhi does not cure the deficiency set forth above with respect to Gandhi. Therefore, Claims 6 and 8 are also patentable over that combination.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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